

65,000 Expected for Dodger Opener; Drysdale Given Nod

'LOOKING 'EM OVER'

With Mike Callas Jr.

Chatting With Vico

Seldom does an ex-major leaguer decide to run for a political job. Most former stars prefer staying near to the sporting scene. Radio, television and newspapers generally grab talent that has seen the last of its playing days.

Not so here in Torrance, however. Big, personable George Vico, ex-Detroit Tiger and former Hollywood Star, has gone for broke. Placed on the ballot by a large group of Torrance Citizens, George is favored to capture a seat on the City Council when the local gentry go to the polls Tuesday.

Not being a political reporter nor having aspirations in that direction I nevertheless decided to call on George and seek the reasons for his entrance into the field of politics.

After the introductions to his closely knit family (Vico is married to the former Helen Miletich and is the proud father of Cynthia, 13, and Steve, 8) last year's Dodger batting-practice pitcher and I got down to the serious matter of the why.

Do-It-Yourselfer?

George, with so many good jobs available to you with your connections in sports, why is it so important that you get on the City Council?

Torrance is a big town now with lots and lots of kids. Youngsters who need a place to play baseball or any other sport. For some reason city administrators have neglected this duty to the kids and if I'm fortunate enough to be elected by the voters I'll devote most of my time in pushing legislature in this direction.

If I recall correctly you like to get things done yourself—like getting 10 ballparks built after that stormy session involving use of Paradise Park.

I didn't plan it that way. I feel things should be done collectively, through the City Council. But when nothing was done by that body of gentlemen I did what I could as a citizen but with the assistance of many friends who feel the same way I do about the youth of Torrance.

Are you perhaps implying that our present council is made up of men who do not have the welfare in mind of the more than 25,000 youngsters of Torrance?

No, I didn't say that. It takes a majority of four to decide an issue. That's hard to come by. There are men on the Council I admire and feel are worthy of the office. And there are those I wouldn't give the time of day to.

You wouldn't care to name names, would you?

I'm not running for office on the smear technique. The people of this city know who they are and by due process they will get rid of them through their power at the polls.

Voters Are Intelligent

Because of the spelling of your name, you are placed last on the ballot. Do you think this will harm your chances Tuesday?

Many tell me that the public seldom reads that far down. However, I'm inclined to believe that the voters of Torrance are more intelligent than that. No, I don't think the V in my name is of major importance or deciding factor.

With the election so near, are you hard to live with?

If I've been nervous neither Helen nor the kids have said anything about it. Yes, I'm anxious. I sincerely want to be a member of the council. The way the city is growing I want to be a party to everything that is good, wholesome, and healthy. None of Torrance's youth will go bad because of inadequate facilities if I'm elected.

My time and deadline a matter of immediate importance, I thanked Mrs. Vico for her old-fashioned ways of hospitality and left the man I sincerely feel is the most qualified of all the candidates for a seat on the City Council.

When I go to the polls I'm going to start with the bottom of the ballot and work up. Why don't you.



VICO

Houston Signs Johnson to Pro Contract; Former Lomita Ace

Ex-Narbonne Star Inks for \$7500

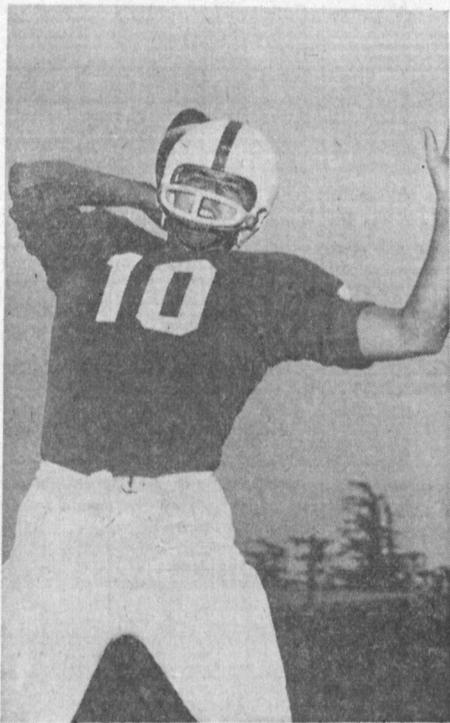
The Houston Oilers of the American Football League today announced the acquisition of Steve Johnson, Pepperdine College's ace quarterback in 1959 and former football hero at Narbonne High in Lomita.

Johnson, 6'1" 195 pound senior, will report to the Oiler's training camp at the University of Houston July 20, a spokesman for the club stated.

Contacted at home here in Torrance, Johnson said that he signed for \$7500 and that he will be one of three quarterbacks for the embryonic organization. "George Blanda, formerly with the Bears of the NFL, and Jackie Lea of Cincinnati will be the other signal callers," Steve said.

After starring at Narbonne, Johnson also played football at Harbor Junior College before enrolling at Pepperdine. He will be graduated by the school in June.

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Seemen of Torrance.



STEVE JOHNSON

Torrance High Ace Blanks Lennox 6 to 0

By John Whitacre

Tom Richardson's 6-hit pitching performance paced the Torrance High varsity to a 6-0 victory over Lennox Thursday in the Pioneer Baseball League at Torrance Park. Six scattered hits were made by the Lancers off Coach Irwin Kasten's ace mounds man, who registered his second victory against one defeat.

Blasting a 360-foot tape measure home run in the fifth frame, Jim Armstrong led the winner's attack. He blistered a double in the first stanza after Bill Williams had walked.

The Tartars added two more in the sixth inning on 3 walks and a double by Rick Wood to knock Lancer starting pitcher Jerry Florey out of the box.

Tartar sophomore Erv Falica continued his hot hitting streak with another single to up his Pioneer League batting average to .8 hits in 12 appearances at bat for .668 average.

Tartars will be idle during the Easter vacation and then will start their drive for a CIF playoff berth when they face Aviation and Culver City in the week following.

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Torrance . . . 2 0 1 0 1 2-x

Slo-Pitch Heads Meet Wednesday

Slo-Pitch softball team managers, from all leagues in the Torrance Recreation Department's program, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 1960, in the City Hall employees lounge, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Rule changes, league fees, days and locations of play will be discussed during the meeting, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, adult athletics director for the City Department. A limited number of new teams can be accepted this year Moon said today. They will be considered in the order in which the applications for league memberships are received. The meeting room is located in a wing attached to the rear of the City Hall Building. Persons attending may use the parking area just north of this wing.

North Hi Rallies to Win Over Leuzinger Team

Losing 3-1 going into the fifth frame against Leuzinger, North High rallied to put across three runs to take the lead and stay in front in the Bay Baseball league. With one marker already scored in the fifth stanza, twirler Kehoe aided his own cause by spanking a homer with a man aboard. In the next inning, North High tallied 2 more runs and finally won 6 to 3.

Hubert, freshman pitcher, started on the mound for the victors. He was followed by Kehoe and Marsden.

Following the Easter vacation, North High will be host to Santa Monica, with whom the locals are knotted for the top spot, together with Inglewood and Mira Costa. Game will be played Tuesday, April 19.

Coach Bob Shoup will use his ace twirler, Hogue, against the invaders to stay on top. Should Inglewood and Mira Costa lose, North High will take sole hold on the top perch.

Standings

Team	W	L
North High	4	2
Santa Monica	4	2
Inglewood	4	2
Mira Costa	4	2
Morningside	3	3
Redondo	2	4
Hawthorne	2	4
Leuzinger	1	5



SPARTANS' LARRY ANDERSON dives back to first on an attempted pick-off play that didn't materialize. South trounced Lennox 12-6

on the winners' diamond Thursday. Pioneer League teams resume play after the Easter holiday.

Grimm Undecided; Hobbie or Dick Drott for Visiting Chicago Cubs

By BRUCE ALLYSON
Press Baseball Writer

With the National League opener for the Dodgers just two days away, Walter Alston has decided to go along with ace righthander Don Drysdale while Cub manager Charley Grimm is not expected to make his mound choice until tomorrow. However, it is known that Grimm will choose between Dick Drott and Glen Hobbie.

The opener, which is set for Tuesday night, is expected to draw upwards of 65,000 this re-

porter learned. Dodger advance ticket sales show that box and reserved seats have all been taken and that additional good seats will go on sale the day of the game.

With the squad pared down to 28 with the sale of Zimmer to the Cubs and Essigian a cast-off, the World Champions will begin the long defense of their crown with basically the same line-up that won the title in 1959. Alston will probably start Wally Moon; Don Demeter, Duke Snider, or Carl Furillo in the outfield; Gilliam, Wills, Neal and Hodges in the infield, and John Roseboro behind the plate.

The Cubs are expected to field Asburn, Lou Johnson, a rookie, and Will in the outfield; Santo, Banks, Taylor, and Altman in the infield, and Neeman, catcher.

Coliseum officials stated that parking for the Dodger opener will pose no serious problem. Acquisition of the Sports Arena parking area for Dodger games is given as the cause.

Game time is 8 p.m. and the weatherman's early prediction is clear and warm.



DRYSDALE

Golfers Tee Off in Easter Tourney

Young golfers will tee off Thursday and Friday in Sea-Aire Golf Course's annual Easter Tournament, according to the Torrance Recreation Department. Starter Bob Sachse said flights will go out starting at 1 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday. There will be separate divisions for those 11 and under and 12 and 13 and for those from 14 to 18 years of age.

DODGER OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Game Time
Tuesday	Chicago	7:55 p.m.
Wednesday	Chicago	7:55 p.m.
Thursday	St. Louis	7:55 p.m.
Friday	Open	
Saturday	St. Louis	7:55 p.m.
Sunday	St. Louis	1:55 p.m.

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